

of North Carolina as well as a great many short notes and papers on birds. With his brother, H. H. Brimley, and T. G. Pearson, he was co-author of "Birds of North Carolina" (1919 and 1942).

### ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The Leidy Medal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia was awarded on October 2 to Ernst Mayr. The award is made once in three years for distinguished contribution to the natural sciences. Dr. Mayr is the first ornithologist to be thus honored.

At the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, held in Urbana September 2-6, President Hoyes Lloyd, Vice-Presidents Robert Cushman Murphy and Josselyn Van Tyne, and Treasurer Frederick C. Lincoln were reelected; Olin S. Pettingill, Jr., was elected Secretary. The new Council members are: George H. Lowery, Jr., S. Charles Kendeigh, and F. A. Pitelka; new Fellows: James Bond, H. G. Deignan, Jean Delacour, Hildegarde Howard, and Alexander F. Skutch; new Members: Logan J. Bennett, Victor H. Cahalane, Donald S. Farner, Harvey I. Fisher, R. A. Johnson, A. Starker Leopold, Howard L. Mendall, Allan R. Phillips, Arthur C. Twomey, and Emil Witschi. Pontus Palmgren of Finland and David Lack of England were elected Honorary Fellows. The 1947 meeting will be held in Toronto.

Olin S. Pettingill, Jr., has resigned from the Whooping Crane investigation because of the pressure of other work. The assignment has now been taken over by Robert P. Allen, who will devote full time to it.

Reuben M. Strong, one of the Founders of the Wilson Ornithological Club, has retired as Professor of Anatomy and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy of Loyola University and has moved to Chicago Natural History Museum to devote himself to ornithological research and the publication of his "Bibliography of Birds."

### NEW LIFE MEMBER



JOHN KIERAN is a graduate of Fordham University. He is a Life Member of the Linnaean Society of New York, a Director of the National Audubon Society, and Contributing Editor of *Audubon Magazine*. He has published a book and many articles on natural history subjects. His great interest in natural history was evident even in the sports column which for sixteen years he wrote for the *New York Times* and in the general column he later wrote for the *Sun*. He is perhaps best known as the natural history expert on a popular national radio program.